



# The University of Kansas Exchange Fact Sheet



General Information	
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University Overview	Located on a scenic campus in the center of the United States, the University of Kansas (KU) is a comprehensive research and teaching university with nearly 200 undergraduate majors. The university earns excellent ratings in the top college guides. KU is an AAU university, placing it among the top 70 research institutions in the US. For more than a decade, the Fiske Guide to Colleges has awarded KU four-star ratings in all categories – academics, quality of living, and social life. KU is famous for the natural beauty of its campus, the high-quality of its academic programs, reasonable cost, and diverse cultural and recreational opportunities.
Number of Students	KU has nearly 30,000 students that come from every state in the U.S. and 110 countries in every region of the world.
Areas of Study	<b>Exchange students typically take courses within the following departments and schools:</b>
	Applied English Center
	Architecture, Design & Planning
	Arts (Visual Art, Film, Theatre and Dance)
	Business
	Engineering
	Journalism & Mass Communications
	Liberal Arts and Sciences (Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences)
Music	
University Website	<a href="http://www.ku.edu">www.ku.edu</a>
Study Abroad Website	<a href="http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu/ExchangeStudents">www.studyabroad.ku.edu/ExchangeStudents</a>
Take an online tour	<a href="http://www.admissions.ku.edu/tour">www.admissions.ku.edu/tour</a>
Application Procedures	
Application Requirements	Students must be officially nominated by their home institution. Nominations should be emailed to the exchange coordinator and the appropriate regional coordinator.
Application Procedures/Instructions	<a href="http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu/applications">www.studyabroad.ku.edu/applications</a>
Application Deadlines	March 15th for Fall and Academic Year applicants/ October 15th for Spring applications
Supporting Documents <i>*To be submitted via online application or shortly after admission</i>	Transcript from current institution and listing of courses in progress if applicable Copy of passport Evidence of financial support, which meets the minimum requirements (see application instructions for specific amounts) <a href="#">Assessment of Functional Level of English for Prospective J-1 Exchange Visitor Visas</a> Statement of purpose detailing intended area of study and how the student is prepared academically for the program of study Portfolio of work or audition CD may be required for certain areas of study such as Architecture, Design, Visual Art, or Music
	TOEFL or IELTS exam scores for non-native speakers of English are preferred but not required - please see English Proficiency section below for more information
English Proficiency	
English Proficiency Exam Policy	All non-native English speakers are required to take the KU English Proficiency Exam through the Applied English Center (AEC) online prior to arrival unless they meet one the waiver requirements listed below. Those meeting one or more of the requirements should submit documentation with their application. If approved for the waiver, they will be allowed to enroll full-time in university courses. The "Assessment of Functional Level of English" form does not waive you from the AEC Test.  All other students will take the AEC exam during orientation and their test scores will determine if AEC courses are required, and if so, which ones.  Please note: Although TOEFL and IELTS test scores are not required to study on exchange at KU, students who have taken either exam are encouraged to upload test scores with their application materials.

<b>English Proficiency (continued)</b>	
<b>Undergrad requirements for waiver</b>	
Internet-based TOEFL	79 or higher overall score with no subscore below 18
IELTS	6.5 of higher overall score with no subscore below 6.0
OR has attended 4 years of college preparatory English and high school graduation with a 2.5 GPA in one of the following locations:	United States of America, The United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, an English-speaking province of Canada, an English-speaking Caribbean country, or any US-accredited school located abroad
<b>Graduate requirements for waiver</b>	
Internet-based TOEFL	Minimum score of 23 on each section
IELTS	Overall band score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6 on each section
<b>Academics</b>	
Course Information/ Areas of Study	With nearly 200 fields of study, there are course offerings for a wide variety of academic disciplines. To find out more about classes, please visit the following link: <a href="http://www.ku.edu/academics/">http://www.ku.edu/academics/</a>
Restricted courses	Athletic Training, Law, Medicine, Pharmacy
Enrollment	Exchange students are not able to enroll until they have completed the English Proficiency Test (or had it waived), registered for Orientation, and scheduled their orientation health appointment. However, students will submit course request questionnaires after acceptance via their JayhawksAbroad account. Study Abroad & Global Engagement will then work with the academic departments to obtain any necessary permissions ahead of time if possible. Students will receive enrollment instructions from Study Abroad & Global Engagement once they are able to enroll.
Course Requests	Course requests are not guaranteed therefore students must select at least 2 alternate courses. In cases where prerequisites are listed, it is important that students have the appropriate background for the course. Please note: Courses tend to be similar from fall to fall and spring to spring so if the term that you will be attending KU is not listed yet, please view the previous term. Fall classes typically post in mid-March and Spring classes typically post in mid-October. You can search for classes on the class schedule found at: <a href="http://www.classes.ku.edu">www.classes.ku.edu</a>
Understanding the Schedule of Classes	When searching for classes, class days will be indicated by M (Monday), T (Tuesday), W (Wednesday), Th (Thursday), and F (Friday) and each will have a 5 digit Class # that you will need to enter when submitting your course requests. Most classes will be offered at the Lawrence campus, however, KU does have other campus locations (KU Med, Edwards, and Regents campuses) so be sure to select courses with "Lawrence" listed after them. Exchange students are not permitted to take courses at campuses other than the Lawrence campus. Please note that some classes consist of a large lecture AND an accompanying lab or discussion section (indicated by LAB OR DIS) on the schedule. When selecting a class in this format, you must select the lecture as well as a LAB OR DIS section. Some departments offer Independent Study credit and/or research credit. These courses are typically not available for exchange students.
Credit Hours	Undergraduate students must enroll in 12-15 credits (usually equivalent to 4 or 5 classes) Graduate students must enroll in 9-12 credits (usually equivalent to 3 classes) Students are limited to one online course per semester. If the online course includes an additional fee, the student is responsible for this fee. Students are limited to the credit hours listed above. Undergraduate students taking more than 15 credits will be responsible for those tuition and fee expenses. Graduate students taking more than 12 credits will be responsible for those tuition and fee expenses. <i>Please note that many Applied English Center (AEC) classes are 6.5 credits each</i>
University Dates	<b>Spring 2025 Semester</b> Orientation Arrival Date - TBA, but typically approximately 1 week before the start of classes Martin Luther King Jr. Day (KU offices closed) - Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup> Classes begin - Jan 21 <sup>st</sup> Spring Break (no classes/residence halls close) - Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup> -Mar. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Classes end - May 8 <sup>th</sup> Final exams - May 12 <sup>th</sup> -May 16 <sup>th</sup> <b>Fall 2024 Semester:</b> Orientation Arrival Date - Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> Classes begin - Aug. 26 <sup>th</sup> Labor Day (no classes) - Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fall Break (no classes/limited meal service) - Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup> -Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Break (no classes) - Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> -Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> Classes end - Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup> Final exams - Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup> -Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>
<i>The full academic calendar is available at:</i> <a href="http://www.registrar.ku.edu/calendar">www.registrar.ku.edu/calendar</a>	

Predeparture, Arrival, & Accommodations	
Pre-Departure, Arrival, and Orientation Information	All new incoming international students are required to participate in the <b>mandatory</b> International Support Services "You at KU" orientation program. The orientation program is conducted by International Support Services (ISS) and includes an introduction to university facilities, introduction to resources and policies, student life at KU and in the US, and safety information. Orientation will also include English Language proficiency testing for students unable to test online prior to arrival and mandatory immigration document check-ins. Orientation also provides students with shuttled shopping excursions, social activities, and most meals throughout orientation. Useful advice and information that will help you prepare for your travel and arrival can be found at: <a href="http://www.iss.ku.edu/newly-admitted-orientation">www.iss.ku.edu/newly-admitted-orientation</a>
Arrival/Report Date	If using a DS-2019 issued by the University of Kansas to enter the U.S., you must report to KU. You are expected to arrive no later than the Program Start Date indicated on your DS-2019 (in section 3). If you must arrive later, please contact Study Abroad & Global Engagement ( <a href="mailto:studyabroad@ku.edu">studyabroad@ku.edu</a> ) and the Document Specialist ( <a href="mailto:issdocs@ku.edu">issdocs@ku.edu</a> ) in International Support Services as soon as you are aware to ensure that your DS 2019 has the appropriate start date listed on it. Otherwise, you will be denied entry into the U.S.
On-Campus Accommodations	Exchange students typically opt to live in either on-campus apartments or residence halls. You will be responsible for arranging your own housing during the duration of your time at KU. Students are encouraged to contract as soon as possible once admitted (after receiving your KUID number) in order to have access to the greatest range of options. Please note that once you contract, cancellation fees apply. You can explore on-campus housing options at: <a href="http://www.housing.ku.edu">www.housing.ku.edu</a>
On-Campus Accommodation Options	<b>Jayhawker Towers, Stouffer Apartments, and McCarthy Hall Apartments</b> Four-person and two-person apartments are available. Each one includes 2 bedrooms, a living room, full bath, and kitchenette with a stove, oven, and refrigerator. The bedrooms are furnished with beds, desks and chairs, and closets with a dresser. Students have the option of purchasing a meal plan, but it is not required since there is kitchen access. The buildings remain open during breaks therefore the contracts include break housing so students living there may stay at no additional cost.
	<b>Residence Halls</b> Traditional dormitory-style living which typically have two-three students per bedroom. Certain residence halls such as Oswald, Self, and Lewis, are open to freshmen only whereas GSP, Corbin, Hashinger, & Oliver are open to students of all levels. Students are required to purchase a dining plan since there is no kitchen access. Residence halls stay open during all university breaks except for Winter Break. Students wishing to stay on-campus over Winter Break must sign up for winter break housing and pay a fee.
KU Dining Plan Options	<a href="http://www.union.ku.edu/dining-plans">www.union.ku.edu/dining-plans</a>
Off-Campus Accommodations	The majority of exchange students choose to live on-campus for convenience and because it is challenging to find furnished apartments with short-term leases, however, exchange students occasionally choose to live off-campus. All off-campus housing arrangements are the responsibility of the student.
	<b>Naismith Hall</b> A privately owned residence-hall-style option that is adjacent to campus that has also been popular with exchange students. If you are coming for just one semester, please be sure to specify this with the staff to ensure that a single semester contract is a possibility. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.naismithhall.com">www.naismithhall.com</a>
Orientation Accommodations	Students staying on campus during the semester will have the option of moving into their on-campus housing early for an additional modest nightly fee (exact amount to be determined). This is highly recommended as you will be very busy during orientation and transportation is typically provided from these locations. Again, it is advised that you arrive on the arrival date specified by the ISS Office as the campus will be very quiet beforehand. Detailed orientation information will be provided as soon as it is available.
<b>Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	
Division of Fees	Tuition and Course Fees, Technology Fee, International Student Service fee, Infrastructure Fee, and Campus Fee will be covered by Study Abroad & Global Engagement. Campus fees fund access to recreation and fitness center, on-campus bus system, library and software resources, health center and student events. Exchange students will be responsible for housing and meals (unless a Tsuda, University of Costa Rica or ISEP student), KUID card (\$21), Orientation Fees (\$265), ISS Check-In Fee (\$40), and the required health insurance (subject to change but currently \$1180 per semester). These prices are estimates based on past terms. These will be billed after you have arrived on campus and enrolled in your classes. Costs are estimated and can change.
Required Health Insurance	All exchange students will automatically be enrolled in and charged the mandatory health insurance plan through United Healthcare unless granted a waiver through the ISS Office. The cost for the 2023-24 academic year is \$1,180 per semester and subject to change.
	To apply for the waiver, you must submit the Waiver Request Form by the first day of class and provide documentation showing that you are covered by an insurance plan, which meets the specified minimum requirements. Please note that students coming for the full academic year must apply for the waiver at the beginning of each semester. Learn more about the minimum requirements and waiver process at: <a href="http://www.iss.ku.edu/waivers">www.iss.ku.edu/waivers</a>